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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause No. DC-19-148
Plaintiff,) Lincoln County District Court
-VS-) Montana Nineteenth Judicial District
ALVIN MCKENZIE SAVAGE, III,	DECISION
Defendant.)

On April 6, 2020, the Defendant was sentenced to a commitment to the Montana State Prison for a period of ten (10) years, with five (5) years suspended, for the offense of Assault on a Peace Officer, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-210(1)(a), MCA. The Defendant was given 136 days credit for time served prior to sentencing.

On February 4, 2021, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence came on for hearing by Zoom videoconference before the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). The Defendant appeared from the Montana State Prison and was represented by Dan Biddulph, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The Defendant gave a statement.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 8th day of February, 2021.

REVIEW DIVISION Hon., Luke Berger Chairperson Jessica Fehr, Member Hon. Dan Wilson, Member

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